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"Yes," said he, "I have solved it."

Stanley Hopkins and I stared in amazement. Something like a suger

"I have forged and tested every link

of my chain, Professor Coram, and I

am sure that it is sound. What your

play in this strange business I am not

yet able to say. In a few minutes I

shall probably hear it from your own

lips. Meanwhile I will reconstruct what

is past for your benefit, so that you

may know the information which I still

"A lady yesterday entered your study."

She came with the intention of pos-

sessing herself of certain documents

which were in your bureau. She had

a key of her own. I have had an op-

portunity of examining yours, and I

do not find that slight discoloration

which the scratch made upon the var-

nish would have produced. You were

not an accessory, therefore, and she

came, so far as I can read the evi-

dence, without your knowledge to rob

The professor blew a cloud from his

lips. "This is most interesting and in-

structive," said he. "Have you no

more to add? Surely, having traced

this lady so far, you can also say what

"I will endeavor to do so. In the

first place, she was seized by your sec-

retary, and stabbed him in order to es-

to regard as an unhappy accident, for

injury. An assassin does not come un-

armed. Horrified by what she had

done, she rushed wildly away from the

for her, she had lost her glasses in the

scuffle, and as she was extremely

short sighted she was really helpless

without them. She ran down a corri-

dor which she imagined to be that by

She could not go back. She could not

stair, pushed open a door and found

The old man sat with his mouth open,

staring wildly at Holmes. Amazement

and fear were stamped upon his ex-

pressive features. Now with an effort

he shrugged his shoulders and burst

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into insincere laughter.

She went on. She mounted a

This catastrophe I am inclined

has become of her."

The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez

help me," said he. "I should prefer that this is too serious a matter to be to go quietly down to your garden and turn the whole matter over in my There is something to be said for the theory of suicide which you have put forward. We must apologize for baving intruded upon you, Professor Coram, and I promise that we won't disturb you until after lunch. At 2 o'clock we will come again and report to you anything which may have happened in the interval."

Holmes was curiously distrait, and we walked up and down the garden path for some time in silence.

"Have you a clew?" I asked at last. "It depends upon those cigarettes that I smoked," said he, "It is possible that I am utterly mistaken. The cigarettes will show me."

"My dear Holmes," I exclaimed, bow on earth"-

Well, well, you may see for your self. If not, there's no harm done. Of course we always have the optician clew to fall back upon, but I take a short cut when I can get it. Ah, here is the good Mrs. Marker! Let us enjoy five minutes of instructive conversation with her."

I may have remarked before that Holmes had when he liked, a peculiaringratiating way with women and that he very readily established terms of confidence with them. In half the time which he had named he had captured the housekeeper's good will and was chatting with her as if he had known her for years.

"Yes, Mr. Holmes, it is as you say, sir. He does smoke something terrible. All day and sometimes all night, sir. I've seen that room of a morning-well, sir, you'd have thought it was a London fog. Poor young Mr. Smith, he was a smoker also, but not as bad as the professor. His health-well, I don't know that it's better nor worse for the smok

"Ah." said Holmes, "but it kills the appetite.

Well, I don't know about that, sir.' "I suppose the professor eats hardly "Well, he is variable. I'll say that for

"I'll wager he took no breakfast this

morning and won't face his lunch after all the cigarettes I saw him consume."

Well, you're out there, sir, as it happens, for he ate a remarkably big breakfast this morning. I don't know when I've known him make a better one, and he's ordered a good dish of cutlets for his lunch. I'm surprised myself, for since I came into that room yesterday and saw young Mr. Smith lying there on the floor I couldn't bear to look at food. Well, it takes all sorts to make a world, and the professor basn't let it take his appetite away."

We loltered the morning away in the garden. Stanley Hopkins had gone down to the village to look into some rumors of a strange woman who had been seen by some children on the Chatham road the previous morning. As to my friend, all his usual energy seemed to have deserted him. I had never known him bandle a case in such a half hearted fashion. Even the news brought back by Hopkins that he had found the children and that they had undoubtedly seen a woman exactly corresponding with Holmes' description and wearing either spectacles or eyeglasses failed to rouse any sign of keen interest. He was more attentive Gravel, cures Diabetes. Seminal at Alvey & List, and G. C. C. Kolb's when Susan, who waited upon us at lunch, volunteered the information that she believed Mr. Smith bad been out for a walk yesterday morning and that he the Kidneys and Bladder in both had only returned half an hour before the tragedy occurred. I could not myself see the bearing of this incident, but I clearly perceived that Holmes was weaving it into the general scheme Suddenly he sprang from his chair price by Lark Medicine Co., Louis- Graves county, have filed notice that which he had formed in his brain. and glanced at his watch. "Two ville, Ky. o'clock, gentlemen," said he. "We must go up and have it out with our friend the professor."

The old man had just finished his lench, and certainly his empty dish bore evidence to the good appetite with which his housekeeper had credited him. He was indeed a weird figure as he turned his white mane and his glowing eyes toward us. The eternal eigarette smoldered in his mouth. He had been dressed and was seated in an armchair by the fire.

"Well, Mr. Holmes, have you solved this mystery yet?" He shoved the large tin of eigarettes which stood on a table beside him toward my companion. Holmes stretched out his hand at the same moment, and between them they tipped the box over the edge. For a minute or two we were all on our knees retrieving stray cigarettes from impossible places. When we rose again I observed Holmes' eyes were shining and his cheeks tinged with color. Only

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"No: I hardly think that it would relp me," said he, "I should prefer o go quietly down to your garden and the processor.

"Indeed! In the garden?"

"No. here."

"Here! When?"

"This instant."

"You are surely joking. Mr. Sherlock Holmes. You compet me to tell you that this is too serious a matter to be treated in such a fashion.

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lie upon that bed and not be aware would not remain permanently in that a woman had entered my room?" the trade. In the official announce-"I never said so. You were aware of ment recently made it is stated the nized her. You aided her to escape.

keyed laughter. He had risen to his for keeping two packets plying hefeet, and his eyes glowed like embers. tween Memphis and Cincinnati will "You are mad!" he cried. "You are be gratifying to shippers as well as company today: talking insanely. I helped her to esthose interested directly in river cape? Where is she now?"

"She is there," said Holmes, and he pointed to a high bookcase in the

corner of the room. I saw the old man throw up his arms; I am convinced that the lady had no round upon a hinge and a woman and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, 354 West intention of inflicting so grievous an rushed out into the room. "You are 5th St., Salt Lake City, Utah, write,

scene of the tragedy. Unfortunately draped with the cobwebs, which had eral years; it always gives immedicome from the walls of her hiding ate relief, is very pleasant and gives nections and a list of over 2400 subplace. Her face, too, was streaked perfect satisfaction." 25c. 50c and\$1 with grime, and at the best she could at Alvey & List, and G. C. C. Kolb's never have been handsome, for she had drug stores. the exact physical characteristics which she had come both were lined which Holmes had divined, with, in with cocoanut matting and it was addition, a long and obstinate chin. only when it was too late that she un. What with her natural blindness, and derstood that she had taken the wrong what with the change from dark to It Has Not Been Decided Not to passage and that her retreat was cut light, she stood as one dazed, blinking Try Mrs. Brockwell for Lunacy. about her to see where and who we were. And yet, in spite of all these remain where she was. She must go disadvantages, there was a certain nobility in the woman's bearing, a gal-

> thing of respect and admiration. prisoner, but she waved him aside gently and yet with an overmastering dignity which compelled obedience. The old man lay back in his chair with a twitching face and stared at ham, are acting for Mrs. Brockwell, her with brooding eyes.

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right!" she cried in a strange foreign syrup the best medicine for coughs She was brown with the dust and and colds. We have used it for sev

WAS NOT TRUE.

Attorney Hal S. Corbett states that the publication in another palantry in the defiant chin and in the per saying that the attorneys had upraised head, which compelled some agreed to let Mrs. Brockwell take a life sentence for killing her three ba-Stanley Hopkins had laid his hand bies instead of testing her sanity, him.

Attorney Corbett, with Attorneys Wheeler Campbell and C. C. Grassand a conference was to be held this week to take some action towards having her sanity tested. Attorney Corbett states that two reputable physicians say she is undoubtedly insane and if she is, she will be prompt relief from billousness, indi- placed in the asylum. He stated that he had held no consultation and and over-indulgence in food and that the report of the alleged decision was erroneous.

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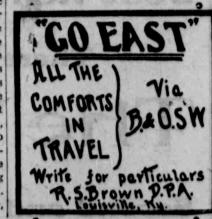


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